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January 24, 2014

The Honorable Rowle Simmons
Chair, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors
1015 Fair Street
Prescott, Arizona 86305-1852

Community: Yavapai County, AZ
Community No.: 040093

Dear Chairman Simmons:

This is in response to a letter dated December 17, 2013, from Charlie Cave, Floodplain Administrator, appealing the proposed Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) boundary, specifically the floodway, for Black Canyon Creek, as presented on the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and in the Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report for Yavapai County dated April 30, 2013. Please note that this request is considered an appeal because it satisfied the data requirements defined in Title 44, Chapter I, Part 67 of the Code of Federal Regulations (44 CFR Part 67), and was submitted during the 90-day appeal period for the aforementioned Preliminary FIRM and FIS report.

The following scientific and/or technical data were submitted in support of this request:

- Appeal letter from Yavapai County, HEC-RAS model, image of modified floodway, email from JE Fuller (dated 12/13/2013) describing revision.

We received all data necessary to resolve this appeal on December 17, 2013. The data was reviewed and was accepted as submitted. The results of the revision will be incorporated in the revised preliminary mapping.

We have resolved this appeal in accordance with the requirements of 44 CFR Part 67. We have determined that the proposed floodway boundary for the Black Canyon Creek as shown on the Preliminary FIRM should be revised based on the submitted data. No revisions to the Floodway Data Tables are required. A proof Preliminary FIRM panel will be emailed to the appealant, Charlie Cave, to verify that the updated flood hazard data for this appeal resolution has been satisfactorily incorporated, where appropriate. Please submit any comments regarding this appeal resolution within 30 days of the date of this letter to the following address:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Mitigation Division
1111 Broadway, Suite 1200, Oakland, CA 94607-4052
Attention: Robert Bezek, Senior Engineer

If we do not receive any comments from your community during the 30-day review period associated with this resolution, we will finalize the FIRM and FIS report by issuing a Letter of Final Determination (LFD). The LFD will explain the adoption/compliance process and will state the date when the FIRM and FIS report will become effective.

We appreciate your community's comments and commitment to having the most accurate flood hazard information available reflected on the FIRM and in the FIS report. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Robert Bezek, Senior Engineer, Risk Analysis Branch, of my office by telephone at 510-627-7274, or by e-mail at robert.bezek@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Sally Ziolkowski

Sally Ziolkowski, Director
Mitigation Division

cc: Charlie Cave, Floodplain Administrator, Yavapai County
Lynn Whitman, Flood Control District Engineer
Brian Cosson, State NFIP Coordinator
Robert Bezek, Regional Engineer, FEMA Region IX